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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON INDONESIAN SALE OF CHANNEL BLACK
SALES

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1. INFORMATION HERE CONFIRMS EMBASSY JAKARTA INFORMATION THAT NO CHANNEL BLACK HAS BEEN IMPORTED FROM INDONESIA SINCE AUGUST 1977. WE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH MARUBENI CORPORATION, SOLE IMPORTER IN JAPAN OF PERTAMINA CHANNEL BLACK; OFFICIALS THERE TOLD US THAT PERTAMINA HAD DISCONTINUED CHANNEL BLACK SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN IN AUGUST 1977 SO THAT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS ON RECOVERABLE GAS RESERVES COULD BE UNDERTAKEN. IN 1977 MARUBENI RECEIVED TWO SHIPMENTS FROM INDONESIA: 90 TONS IN FEBRUARY, AND 100 TONS IN AUGUST (THESE FIGURES JIBE WITH JAPANESE CUSTOMS FIGURES). MARUBENI ALSO TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT PERTAMINA SAID THAT THE CHANNEL BLACK PLANT OPERATION MIGHT BE RESUMED AGAIN IN TWO YEARS.

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2. MARUBENI IS ADVISING ITS CUSTOMERS TO SHIFT TO A SUBSTITUTE SUCH AS FURNACE BLACK MANUFACTURED BY MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL. ONE POSSIBLE PURCHASER IS THE PINOL (?) MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY FOR WHOM MARUBENI IS NEGOTIATING WITH MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL. (ONE PROBLEM APPARENTLY IS IN MEETING FDA STANDARDS ON CHLORINE AND SULPHUR CONTENT.)

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